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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESPONSE TO LIBYANS
CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR, TRIPOLI FOR CHARGE
REF: A. CAIRO 6564 B. TRIPOLI 475

1. LIBYAN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENTIAL LETTER (REF B) IS
UNSATISFACTORY BOTH IN CONTENT AND METHOD OF PRESENTATION.
WE SEE NO PURPOSE, HOWEVER, IN CONTINUING CHARGE-COUNTER-
CHARGE CORRESPONDENCE WITH QADHAFI. SECRETARY HAS APPROVED
THE FOLLOWING QUOTE NON-PAPER UNQUOTE TO BE DELIVERED TO
CHARGE IN WASHINGTON BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN NEXT
FEW DAYS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE RESPONSE OF THE LIBYAN JAMAHIRIYAH TO
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PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL QADHAFI IS
NOT FULLY RESPONSIVE TO OUR REQUEST. NEVERTHELESS, WE
ARE INTERPRETING THE LETTER AS THE GUARANTEE OF THE
LIBYAN JAMAHIRIYAH THAT THERE ARE NOW NO LIBYAN ACTIVITIES
THREATENING THE LIFE OF ANY U.S. OFFICIAL OR CITIZEN AND
THAT THERE WILL NOT, IN THE FUTURE, BE ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES
AND THAT IF ANY SUCH PLANS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE

LIBYAN JAMAHIRIYAH, IT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO STOP THEM. AS REGARDS YOUR DEMARCHE OF APRIL 14 MAKING CERTAIN

ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE RECENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO WASHINGTON, THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND WE REJECT THEM. END TEXT.

3. THIS LOW KEY APPROACH IS DESIGNED TO CONVEY OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH LIBYAN RESPONSE AND QADHAFI'S FAILURE TO ANSWER PRESIDENT'S LETTER PERSONALLY AND PUTS HIM ON NOTICE THAT WE HOLD HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR LIBYAN ACTIVITIES DESPITE HIS PROTESTS OF INNOCENCE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMS TO US THIS APPROACH--I.E., INTERPRETING LIBYAN RESPONSE AS PROVIDING ASSURANCES WE SOUGHT--IS BEST DESIGNED TO TURN OFF LIBYAN PLOT IF THAT HAS NOT ALREADY HAPPENED.

4. RE CAIRO'S SUGGESTION REF A IF ADDRESSEES HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON THIS APPROACH THEY SHOULD CABLE THEM ASAP. WE WILL AUTHORIZE EMBASSY CAIRO TO INFORM THE EGYPTIANS BEFORE THE APPROACH TO THE LIBYANS IS MADE.

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